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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.322**

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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §255 and 37 C.F.R. §1.323, the Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Certificate of Correction. The patentee shows the Office that the requested correction is a mistake due to the oversight by the Patent Office, and a few errors are attributable to the Applicant. Typographical errors are in the specification and the claims. The Applicant further asserts that the correction does not involve changes that would constitute new matter or require reexamination. *See* MPEP § 1481. The text of the corrections is submitted in the enclosed Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44. The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.20(a) of \$100.00 is submitted herewith.

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### CONCLUSION

Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at 404.853.8037. The Patent Office is requested to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Order Account 19-5029.

Respectfully submitted,



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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 2, Line 27 - Change "traction" to "transaction"

Column 6, Line 50 - Change "show" to "shows"

Column 7, Line 1 - Remove the comma after paid - change "paid," "to paid"

Column 8, Line 10 - Change "more-merchants" to "more merchants"

Column 8, Line 35 - Insert "to pay the second bill" after "request"

Column 8, Line 38 - Insert "identified" after "at least one of the "

Column 8, Line 39 - Insert "identified" after "one of the"

Column 8, Line 42 - Insert "identified" after "one of the"

Column 8, Line 62 - Insert "file" after "master merchant"

Column 9, Line 12 - Insert "to pay the second bill" after "request"

Column 9, Line 36 - Change "on" to "one"

Column 10, Line 3 - change "merchant file," to "merchant file database,"

Column 10, Line 22 - Remove "to determine" and change "not" to "determined to not be"

Column 10, Line 24 - Insert "to pay the second bill" after "request"

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